

REMARKS

Applicant concurrently files herewith a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for Extension of Time for a two-month extension of time.

Claims 1-9 and 12-20 are all of the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 6 and 20 have been amended to more particularly define the claimed invention.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

The claimed invention (e.g., as defined in claims 1 and 20) is directed to a method of producing a crystal growth substrate wherein cavities are formed periodically in the sapphire growth surface of the seed substrate during the molding a seed substrate (e.g., see Application at page 11, lines 21-24). These features are important for improving the external quantum efficiency of a semiconductor light-emitting element, as well as light-condensing characteristics and light directivity (see Application at page 3, lines 9-15).

Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited prior art references (taken alone or in combination) teach or suggest each and every feature of the claimed invention, including cavities formed periodically in the sapphire growth surface of the seed substrate during the molding a seed substrate

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-9 and 12-20, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

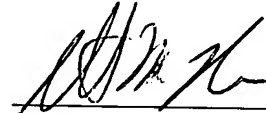
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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